



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **Board Meeting**

*August 13, 2021, 1:00 p.m.*

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# TBPG BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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## AGENDA

*The Board may discuss and take action regarding any of the following agenda items.*

1. Call to order, roll call, certification of quorum, order of business.
2. Approval of minutes from the April 28, 2021 Board Meeting.
3. Public comment (limited to five minutes per person; more or less time may be allotted as needed at the discretion of the Board Chair).
4. Chair’s Report: Summary of write-up regarding “what geoscientists do” and outreach to universities.
5. Executive Director’s Report: Agency Performance Reporting (Q3), Q4/End of Fiscal Year Planning, Administrative Update (Office Schedules, Upcoming Events).
6. Reports on recent Committee meetings. **(Tab 1)**
  - A. Application Review and Continuing Education Committee meeting (08/12/2021)
    - Licensing Report: licensing data, ASBOG exam statistics, TGE exam statistics, CSSE.
    - Waiver Policy for the Texas Geophysics Examination (TGE).
    - Qualifying work experience requirement for P.G. licensure.
    - Status of Advisory Committee related to licensing opportunities.
    - Potential outreach initiatives.
  - B. Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting (08/13/2021)
    - Compliance Report: Review of current compliance program statistics, recent CRT meetings; complaints dismissed by staff; enforcement penalties collected for General Revenue.
    - Implementation of Sunset recommendations, including the potential elimination of firm registration.
    - Sunset Advisory Commission recommendation. Possible future proposed rule amendments and repeals related to the potential elimination of the firm registration requirement, including: 22 TAC 850.10, 850.62, 850.82, 851.10, 851.20, 851.29, 851.35, 851.80, 851.85, 851.101, 851.102, 851.103, 851.104, 851.105, 851.106, 851.107, 851.111, 851.112, 851.113, 851.151, 851.156, 851.157, 851.159, 851.204; 22 TAC 851.30 and 851.152.
    - Potential outreach initiatives.
  - C. General Issues Committee meeting (08/13/2021)
    - Potential outreach initiatives.
  - D. Financial Review/Strategic Planning Committee meeting (08/13/2021)
    - Financial Report for FY 2021.
    - Legislative Session.



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7. Applications for P.G. license, including requests for waivers and substitutions. **(Tab 2)**
  - A. Lori Bryan: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG FG examination.
  - B. Dr. Neil Deeds: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology examinations.
  - C. Jeffery Daugherty: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
  - D. Dr. Andrew Davidoff: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
  - E. Alfred Gomez: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
  - F. Anthony W Fears: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
  - G. Dr. Ruarri Day-Stirrat: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
  - H. Dr. Minoos Kosarian: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
  - I. Kara Posso: Applicant for PG licensure requesting that work experience obtained prior to meeting the education requirement to count towards the 5 years of qualifying work experience.
8. Proposed Agreed Board Orders. **(Tab 3)**
  - A. Complaint 2020-00007
  - B. Complaint 2021-00008
  - C. Complaint 2021-00009
9. Proposed Default Board Orders. **(Tab 4)**
  - A. Complaint 2021-00008
  - B. Complaint 2021-00009
10. Proposal of amendments and repeals to the following rules in 22 TAC Chapters 850 and 851 for publishing to the Texas Register for public comment: **(Tab 5)**
  - 22 TAC 850.10, 850.61, 850.62, 850.63, 850.65
  - 22 TAC 851.20, 851.21, 851.28, 851.29, 851.32, 851.40, 851.43, 851.83 (repeal), 851.85, 851.101, 851.102, 851.103, 851.104, 851.105, 851.106, 851.108, 851.109, 851.111, 851.112, 851.113, 851.151, 851.152, 851.153, 851.154 (repeal), 851.156, 851.157, 851.158, 851.159, 851.203, 851.204, and 851.220
11. Proposal of amendment to rules regarding TBPG's waiver policy for publishing to the Texas Register for public comment, including 22 TAC 851.22. **(Tab 6)**
12. Proposal of amendment to rules regarding firm registration for publishing to the Texas Register for public comment, including 22 TAC 851.30. **(Tab 7)**

13. Proposal of amendment to rules regarding definitions for publishing to the Texas Register for public comment, including 22 TAC 851.10. **(Tab 8)**
14. Proposal of amendment to rules regarding temporary firm registration for publishing to the Texas Register for public comment, including 22 TAC 851.31. **(Tab 9)**
15. Adoption of amendment to 22 TAC 851.41, regarding Geoscientist-in-Training certification requirements and application procedures. **(Tab 10)**
16. Adoption of amendment to 22 TAC 851.80, regarding fees. **(Tab 11)**
17. Agency response related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
18. Potential public/private outreach initiatives.
19. Future Board meetings, including dates and agenda items. **(Tab 12)**
20. Adjournment.

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